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Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I know whether intimation of the enhanced cess is given before the excess of water is used or after it is used?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"After the water is used."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"Is it not a fact that any evidence to prove the contrary would vanish, if intimation is given long after the water is used?"

(No reply.)

Extent of dry lands in Repalle taluk, prior to the introduction of the increased shutters to the Kistna anicut.

* 557 *Q.*—Mr. G. Simhachalam: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the extent of dry lands was in the year immediately preceding the introduction of the increased shutters to the Kistna anicut, held by the ryots in the Repalle taluk, Guntur district, which were unfit for dry cultivation and useless to those ryots unless brought under irrigation;

(*b*) how much of that extent has been sanctioned for irrigation since then;

(*c*) how much of it is still lying waste;

(*d*) what the reason for not extending the benefit of irrigation to those lands is; and

(*e*) whether the Government are aware that most of these lands are lands situated at the tail-ends of irrigation canals, and can easily be irrigated with much less water than elsewhere and with no additional cost to them?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*e*) The Government have not the information. A report has been called for.

Mr. G. Simhachalam:—"May I ask whether the hon. Member has any objection to place the report on the table of the House when it is received?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"I shall consider the question when the report is received."

Minor Irrigation

Restoration of the Panjamthangi tank, Ramnad district.

* 558 *Q.*—Mr. M. Devadasan: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Elundrakondan Periyakulam and Panjamthangi tank in Elundrakondan, Srivilliputtur taluk, Ramnad district, serve one and the same ayacut;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Panjamthangi tank is in an abandoned state and the question of its restoration is now engaging the attention of the Government;